GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF LITCHI .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The hectares of land and the areas of the country where litchi are produced;

(b) The total production of litchi in various areas/States of the country during the last three years;

(c) Whether the Government has worked out some specific scheme to encourage production and export of litchi in view of the challenges posed by the World Trade Organization; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The areas under Litchi cultivation is about 60,000 ha. in the country. The Litchi are produced in the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jharkhand, Punjab, Tripura, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Haryana, Mizoram and Uttar Pradesh.

(b): A Statement showing the details of production of Litchi in the Country, State-wise during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is annexed as Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been launched in the Country during Tenth Five Year Plan w.e.f. 2005-06 for holistic development of horticulture sector duly ensuring an end to end approach having forward and background linkages covering research, production, post harvest management and marketing with the active participation of all the stake holders. The thrust of the Mission is on area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticulture crops having comparative advantage.

ANNEXURE-I